Amendments to the Specification:

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ABSTRACT

A method for managing operators of an operator service, the network having switching offices in which the operator logs on to a central master office by virtue of the fact that the operator initiates a call linked to a virtual operator in the master office using a call number table, the request for remote logging on is transmitted from the home switching office to the master office by means of inter-office signaling after the call link has been set up, and that data which is specific to the operator service is then transmitted from the coordination processor and/or a peripheral line trunk group of the master office to the operator and loaded into its terminal.